

Spring 1999 Wild Turkey Management Zones



*Contact the Pike Lake DNR office at (414) 670-3400 to receive additional information on youth hunting opportunities in the Loew Lake Unit.

Focus on Safety

Hunt safely. Always identify your target and follow the tips below.
Safe hunting is no accident.

- ◆ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ◆ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- ◆ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ◆ When another hunter approaches never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ◆ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ◆ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ◆ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ◆ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.
- ◆ Use a flashlight in the dark.

Prevent Crippling Losses

- ◆ Pattern your gun to know at what distances you have an effective pattern (at least 6 pellets in skull and neck vertebrae).
- ◆ Avoid shooting beyond 35 yards.
- ◆ Aim for the base of the featherless portion of the neck—not at the head.
- ◆ Never shoot at a flying turkey.
- ◆ Be prepared for a second shot if necessary.

Ask First and Say Thanks!

- ◆ The majority of land within Wisconsin’s turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate hunters who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is unlawful and creates a bad image for all hunters.
- ◆ A Landowner Appreciation Day envelope is included with each turkey hunting permit. Please consider providing the owner of the property you hunt with a ticket to these banquets.

Wild Turkey Hunting Regulations Spring 1999



1999 Turkey Stamp design by Vernon Javes

Dear Turkey Hunter,
We have developed a fantastic turkey hunting tradition in Wisconsin since 1983.
Last year, the spring hunt was very successful with over 28,000 turkeys taken. We expect to have another excellent hunt this spring. Turkey productivity in 1998 was better than average and the birds have proven to be very hardy survivors during winter. The harvest in spring 1999 could exceed that of 1998, but is dependent upon many factors including spring weather.
As you enjoy your hunt, please take time to thank the landowners who provide turkey hunting on private property. Consider purchasing a ticket to a Landowner Appreciation Day as a thank you gift.
Please make a note that the Spring 1999 Wild Turkey Hunting licenses and stamps are not available until mid-March.
Most importantly, enjoy our spring turkey hunt tradition, and have a safe, quality hunting experience.

Keith Warnke
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Turkey Program Coordinator

Hunter Selection System

- ◆ **Deadlines:** The application deadlines are August 10 for the fall, and December 10 for the spring hunting seasons. A \$3.00 application fee is required.
- ◆ **Landowner Preference:** Resident landowners owning 50 or more contiguous acres within an open wild turkey management zone are eligible for first preference within the zone in which they own land. They may transfer their first preference status to an immediate family member or resident farm operator (as defined on the application).
- ◆ **Cumulative Preference** has been implemented for spring and fall turkey hunting permits. **Spring and fall applications are tracked separately.**
- ◆ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permits may be obtained by calling 608-388-3337 or by writing to Fort McCoy, no earlier than February 1. Write to: Directorate of Training & Mobilization: AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales); 110 E. Headquarters Rd.; Ft. McCoy WI 54656-5226. *Note: You may **not** apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you already received approval to hunt turkeys in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the spring 1999 season.*

License Requirements

- ◆ All successful applicants, *except* senior citizen recreation card and conservation patron license holders, must purchase a Spring 1999 turkey hunting license to hunt turkeys with either firearm or bow. (Resident License—\$11.00, Non-Resident License—\$55.00)
- ◆ Successful applicants are mailed a turkey hunting approval notice, registration stub and carcass tag indicating the zone and time period for which the hunter is authorized to hunt. **The approval notice *must* be shown to license vendors when purchasing a turkey hunting license.** Implementation of the Wisconsin DNR’s Automated License Issuance System (ALIS) has changed the way that hunting licenses and stamps are issued. Spring turkey hunting licenses and stamps are not available until **mid-March**.
- ◆ Successful non-residential applicants may purchase a turkey hunting license and stamp by calling 608-266-2621. MasterCard or Visa is accepted.

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

- ◆ In addition to the license requirement, all turkey hunters, *except* senior citizen recreation card and conservation patron license holders, must purchase a turkey stamp. The stamp should be signed across the face in ink and must be either stapled or affixed to the hunter’s license by the stamp’s own adhesive.
- ◆ The 1999 turkey stamp (\$5.25) is valid for both spring and fall 1999 turkey hunting.
- ◆ A turkey hunting license, carcass tag, registration stub, and a turkey stamp privilege must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting turkeys.
- ◆ It is illegal to transfer a license, carcass tag, or stamp, or allow their use by anyone else.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ◆ You **must** possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, unused carcass tag if you possess a firearm or bow *and*;
 - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
 - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device
- ◆ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow. However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.

Wild Turkey Management Zones

- ◆ You may only hunt in the zone(s) and time period(s) specified on your turkey hunting approval notice(s) and carcass tag(s). All established turkey zones are shown on the back page.
- ◆ Eleven state park zones are open to spring turkey hunting. All successful applicants for state park zones should contact the appropriate state park office regarding any closed areas within the park. Five state parks are open only to successful applicants with a Class A or Class C disabled permit: Natural Bridge, Nelson Dewey, Belmont Mound, New Glarus Woods, Rocky Arbor, and Loew Lake Unit—Kettle Moraine State Forest.
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Bag Limit

- ◆ The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Applicants receiving 2 tags may harvest 2 turkeys on the same day *only if* both tags are for the same time period.

Other Restrictions

- ◆ You may **not** hunt turkeys:
 - 1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
 - 2. With shotshells loaded with shot **larger** than:
 - ✗ no. 2 steel
 - ✗ no. 4 lead or
 - ✗ other no. 4 non-steel shot
 - 3. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
 - 4. With the aid of dogs.
 - 5. With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
 - 6. With the aid of bait.

Tagging, Transport and Possession

- ◆ Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting the slit corresponding to the day of kill; then attach and seal the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg.
- ◆ You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

Registration

- ◆ Bring your tagged turkey and registration stub (attached to the carcass tag) to a designated registration station no later than 5:00 p.m. the day after it is killed. An additional registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten.

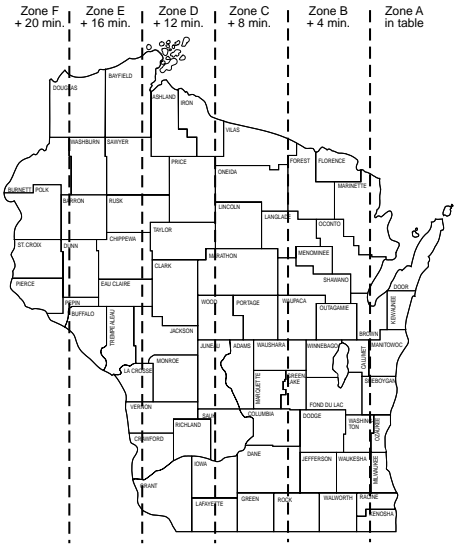
Turkey Hunter Education

- ◆ Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, landowner-hunter ethics and **new this year**, additional information on in-depth hunting techniques, scoring trophy birds, with additional safety information and ideas on how to prepare your bird. These **FREE Turkey Hunting Education Clinics** will be held around the state during February and March and are sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Plan on attending one in your area and either brush-up on your skills or learn new techniques to bag that elusive long-beard.

Hunting Hours

- ◆ Spring turkey hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 5:00 p.m. each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are shown below.
- ◆ To determine the opening (a.m.) time for all zones except “A,” add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table. The closing time for all zones is 5:00 p.m.

Hunting Time Zones



Season Dates & Opening Times for Zone A

① April 14 5:42 a.m. April 15 5:40 a.m. April 16 5:39 a.m. April 17 5:37 a.m. April 18 5:36 a.m.	③ April 28 5:20 a.m. April 29 5:19 a.m. April 30 5:17 a.m. May 1 5:16 a.m. May 2 5:15 a.m.	⑤ May 12 5:02 a.m. May 13 5:01 a.m. May 14 5:00 a.m. May 15 4:59 a.m. May 16 4:58 a.m.
② April 21 5:31 a.m. April 22 5:29 a.m. April 23 5:28 a.m. April 24 5:26 a.m. April 25 5:25 a.m.	④ May 5 5:11 a.m. May 6 5:09 a.m. May 7 5:08 a.m. May 8 5:07 a.m. May 9 5:06 a.m.	⑥ May 19 4:55 a.m. May 20 4:54 a.m. May 21 4:53 a.m. May 22 4:52 a.m. May 23 4:51 a.m.

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Learn turkey hunting tactics from experienced turkey hunters.
Contact your local DNR office for a list of clinic dates, times and locations.

